

November 20, 2018

The Public Service Commission convened in the Commission Hearing Room, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota, on November 20, 2018, 10:01 a.m. Present were Commissioners Christmann, Kroshus and Fedorchak.

Minutes

Mr. Christmann: I move the minutes of the November 8, 2018 Commission Meeting be approved.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-18-325
Reservation Telephone Cooperative /
Qwest
Alexander / Sidney and Fairview
Exchange Boundary Agreement

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission approve changes in the exchange boundaries between Reservation Telephone Cooperative's Alexander exchange and Qwest Corporation's Sidney exchange and Fairview exchange, and issue amended certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity in Reservation Telephone Cooperative / Qwest Corporation, Alexander / Sidney and Fairview, Exchange Boundary Agreement, Case No. PU-18-325.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-17-295
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a
Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc.
2017 Natural Gas Rate Increase
Application

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission approve the compliance tariff and rates effective for service rendered on or after December 1, 2018, and the Interim Rate Refund Plan; and require MDU to issue refunds by March 1, 2019, and file an interim refund compliance report within 30 days after completion of the refunds, all in Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc., 2017 Natural Gas Rate Increase, Application, Case No. PU-17-295

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-18-89
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a
Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc.
Tax Reform Effects
Rates

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission approve the compliance tariff and rates effective for service rendered on or after December 1, 2018, and the Tax Refund Plan; require MDU to issue refunds by March 15, 2019, and file a tax refund compliance report within 30 days after completion of the refunds, all in Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc., Tax Reform Effects, Case No. PU-18-89.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-18-336
Langdon Wind, LLC / Langdon
Renewables, LLC
Transfer of Site Certificate
Siting Application

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission issue a filing a siting application fee final refund in the amount of \$9,939.70 in Langdon Wind, LLC / Langdon Renewables, LLC, Transfer of Site Certificate, Siting Application, Case No. PU-18-336.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. RC-18-109
Falkirk Mining Company
Revision 38, Permit NAFK-8705
Approval

WITHDRAWN

Case No. PU-17-120
Northern States Power Company
Advance Prudence - 1,550 MW Wind
Generation
Application

WITHDRAWN

Case No. PU-17-372
Northern States Power Company
Advance Prudence - 302.4 MW Dakota
Range Wind
Application

Case No. PU-18-379
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a
Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc.
Transmission Facility Cost Recovery
Tariff and Rates

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission reduce the filing fee to \$10,000, suspend the tariff and rates, and issue a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing in Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc., Transmission Facility Cost Recovery, Rates, Case No. PU 18-379.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-18-380
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a
Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc.
Generation Resource Cost Recovery
Tariff and Rates

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission reduce the filing fee to \$10,000, suspend the tariff and rates, and issue a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing in Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc., Generation Resource Cost Recovery, Tariff and Rates, Case No. PU 18-380.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-18-381
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a
Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc.
Renewable Resource Cost Recovery
Tariff and Rates

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission reduce the filing fee to \$10,000, suspend the tariff and rates, and issue a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing in Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc., Renewable Resource Cost Recovery, Tariff and Rates, Case No. PU 18-381.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

New Hire - Environmental Engineer III

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission acknowledge the offer to and acceptance of Shawn M. Nixon to fill Position No. 5024, Environmental Engineer III, effective December 13, 2018, under the terms specified in the October 12, 2018 written offer of employment.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Resignation – Grain Warehouse
Inspector

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission acknowledge the resignation of Patrick Hart, Grain Warehouse Inspector, from position number 5013, effective December 6, 2018.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

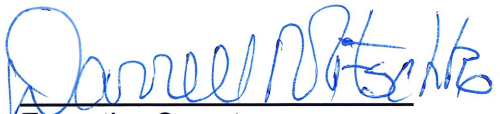
Off Probation Salary Adjustment

Mr. Christmann: I move the approval of an off probation salary increase effective November 15, 2018 for Position No. 5013, Grain Warehouse Inspector, based on the satisfactory completion of a six-month probationary period, in an amount consistent with the terms recommended by the division director.

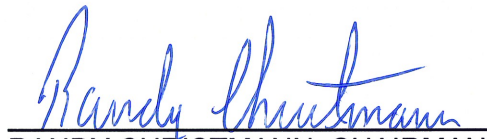
Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

ATTEST


Executive Secretary

THE COMMISSION ADJOURNED AT 11:57 A.M.


RANDY CHRISTMANN, CHAIRMAN